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Pursuant to the California Energy Commission's ("CEC") Order Terminating the Suspension of the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center Proceeding 21-AFC-02 (TN 258022) and the Revised Committee Scheduling Order (TN 259084), the Intervenor Center for Biological Diversity (the "Center") submits this Status Report.

I. Progress of the Proceeding

CEC Staff, Intervenor CURE, and the Center met with the Applicant on October 7, 2024, for an information exchange session where the Applicant provided an overview of its draft Western Joshua Tree Relocation Plan and sought feedback from CEC Staff and the intervenors. A follow-up session was held on October 17, 2024, due to the absence of California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW") at the October 7 meeting. The Parties anticipate receiving the Applicant's Western Joshua Tree Relocation Plan on October 28, 2024, in response to data requests from CEC Staff and CDFW.

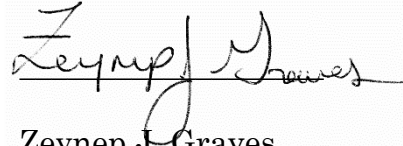
On October 16, 2024, the Applicant provided the Center certain confidential documents concerning biological resources, which the Center has since reviewed.

As stated in the Center's Issues Identification Report (TN259668), the Center's review of the Supplemental AFC and other docketed discovery materials is still ongoing. As this review progresses, additional issues may emerge regarding cultural resources, water resources, paleontological resources, and other areas. If further data is needed, the Center will submit appropriate data requests before the close of discovery on January 13, 2025.

II. Potential Delays and Other Relevant Matters

The Center does not anticipate any potential delays at this time. The Center is also not currently aware of any other relevant matters to bring to the Committee's attention.

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